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## Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

ROGERS ET AL.

**Examiner**

Thjuan P Knowlin

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nelson et al (US 6,262,992).
2. In regards to claims 1, 5, 6, 11, 15, and 16, Nelson discloses a method of operating a telecommunication network (call trigger system 104) the method comprising: a switching system (interworking unit 114), routing a call to a service platform (service platform 438) (col. 12 lines 52-60); in the service platform, transferring a prompt message over the call, collecting caller-entered information from the caller over the call in response to the prompt message, and transferring the caller-entered information to a Service Control Point (SCP) (signaling processor 112) system (col. 6 lines 50-67, col. 8 lines 32-37, and col. 12-13 lines 40-5): in the SCP (signaling processor 112) system, transferring the caller-entered information to a first destination (communication device 108) processor (call processing platform (not shown) (col. 7 lines 44-50), processing a first destination routing code (prefix "0" or "1") from the first

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destination processor to determine a first destination routing instruction, and transferring the first destination routing instruction to the switching system (col. 8-9 lines 50-6, col. 10 lines 20-33, col. 10-11 lines 48-9, and col. 22-23 lines 58-7); in the switching system, routing the call to a first destination in response to the first destination routing instructions (col. 10 lines 48-63); in the SCP (signaling processor 112) system transferring the caller-entered information to a second destination (communication device 110) processor (call processing platform (not shown) (col. 7 lines 44-50), processing a second destination routing code (prefix "0" or "1") from the second destination processor to determine a second destination routing instruction, and transferring the second destination routing instruction to the switching system (col. 8-9 lines 50-6, col. 10 lines 20-33, col. 10-11 lines 48-9, and col. 22-23 lines 58-7); and in the switching system, routing the call to a second destination in response to the second destination routing instruction (col. 10 lines 48-63).

3. In regards to claims 2 and 12, Nelson discloses the method, further comprising receiving a request from the first destination to transfer the call to the second destination (col. 13 lines 23-60).

4. In regards to claims 3 and 13, Nelson discloses the method, wherein the service platform does not re-collect the caller-entered information during the call (col. 6 lines 63-67).

5. In regards to claims 4 and 14, Nelson discloses the method, wherein the first destination processor selects the first destination routing code based on the caller-entered information and the second destination processor selects the second

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destination routing code based on the caller-entered information (col. 10 lines 48-60, col. 20-21 lines 66-15, and col. 22-23 lines 58-7).

6. In regards to claims 7 and 17, Nelson discloses the method, further comprising, in the service platform, terminating the second call after receiving the call transfer instruction (col. 12 lines 40-65 and col. 13 lines 37-55).

7. In regards to claims 8 and 18, Nelson discloses the method, wherein the caller-entered information comprises a caller-identification number (ANI) or a caller account number (col. 20-21 lines 66-15).

8. In regards to claims 9, 10, 19, and 20, Nelson discloses the method, further comprising, in the SCP (signaling processor 112) system, transferring an Automatic Number Identification (ANI) to the first destination processor and the second destination processor wherein the first destination processor selects the first destination routing code based on the ANI and the second destination processor selects the second destination routing code based on the ANI (col. 20-21 lines 66-15).

### ***Conclusion***

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Pelletier et al (US 6,496,569) teach a method and system for providing enhanced caller identification and privacy management. Pelletier et al (US 6,771,754) teach a method and system for providing enhanced caller identification and privacy management.


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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

12. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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